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SUBJECT: GREEK INTEREST IN EC-9 INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS

REF: (A) STATE 195238 ;(B) ATHENS 6235

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1. ON INSTRUCTIONS, GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED

ON SISCO AUGUST 20 TO URGE U.S. SUPPORT OF EC-9 INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF ITALIANS TO DISPATCH EMIS-SARY TO THREE CAPITALS. GREEKS ARE PUZZLED, ACCORDING TO ALEXANDRAKIS, WHY ITALIANS ARE HESITANT ABOUT MOVING ON THIS MATTER. IN GREEK VIEW, EC-9 INITIATIVE WOULD BE COMPLIMENTARY TO INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND COULD INFLUENCE TURKS TO COME UP WITH SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY IN FORTHCOMING DENKTASH-CLERIDES MEETING IN NEW YORK.

2. IN RESPONSE, SISCO INDICATED THAT ON BASIS OF RECENT STEARNS-BITSIOS CONVERSATION (ATHENS 6235), WE HAD IMPRESSION GOG WAS SATISFIED WITH U.S. POSITION ON EC-9 INITIATIVE AND WAS NOT ASKING US TO TAKE ANY PARTICULAR ACTION ON THIS MATTER NOW. (ALEXANDRAKIS SAID THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED A REPORT ON THIS CONVERSATION.) SISCO WENT ON TO

SAY THAT EC-9 INITIATIVE WOULD BE ONE OF SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED HERE AUGUST 21 WITH VISITING EUGENIO PLAJA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THAT WE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH LATER WITH THE GREEK EMBASSY ON THIS QUESTION. MAW

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